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reinforcing wire ends respectively, and wherein the passage through each sleeve is blocked so as to form two coaxial blind bores, each sleeve becomes embedded in the polymer during moulding and remains in the polymer as the pin which engages it is retracted as the tooling is opened, the blocked passage serving to encapsulate the end of the wire end located in the inner end of the sleeve.

42. A method according to claim 41 wherein prior to moulding the tool is fitted with the pegs, and the pegs become integrally bonded to the polymer material during moulding so that when the tool is opened, the pegs separate from the tool, and remain in the polymer support frame, and portions of each peg protruding from the support frame are removed by grinding or filing or cutting.

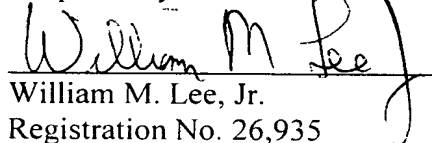
Remarks

The above amendments are being made in order to conform the claims of this application to those in the corresponding European divisional application.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

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